

Beat The Back To School Rush!

Immunization & Physical Requirements for School

Each child entering a Florida public or private school must present or have on file at the school, a Florida Certification of Immunization (Department of Health Form 680, copies are not accepted).

Immunizations must be valid and up-to-date for age and grade level as required by the State of Florida. The following is a summary of these requirements.

Public/Non-Public Schools Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

- Four or five doses of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTaP) vaccine
- Two or three doses of hepatitis B (Hep B) vaccine
- Three, four, or five doses of IPV (with at least one dose of polio vaccine administered after the 4th birthday)
- Two doses of measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine
- **2 doses of varicella for grades Kindergarten – 12th Grade**
- *Varicella vaccine is not required if there is a history of varicella documented by the healthcare provider.

Seventh Grade Requirement:

In addition to compliance with all other required immunizations, children entering, attending, or transferring to the seventh, eighth, or ninth grade in Florida schools must complete the following:

- One dose of tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) vaccine

The original Florida Certification of Immunization (DH 680, copies are not accepted) must be used to document immunization requirements for admittance through grade 12.

This form must be completed with the child's name, date of birth, parents/guardians name, the name of the physician or clinic, physician or clinic address and electronic signature of physician or authorized designee. This form must show that the child is up-to-date with the required immunizations.

Any student transferring from another Florida school may be given a 30-day temporary exemption until the certification of immunization can be obtained from the previous school. If the record cannot be obtained from the previous school within this time frame, it is the parent's responsibility to provide such a copy. Any student from out-of-state must present an up-to-date Form 680 at time of enrollment.

School Physical Exam:

Each child who is entitled to admittance to pre-kindergarten or kindergarten, or is entitled to any other initial entrance into a public or non-public school in the state of Florida, must present a certification of a school entry physical examination performed within one year (12 months) prior to enrollment in school.

Any student transferring from another school in the United States may be given a 30-day temporary exemption until the certification of a school entry physical examination can be obtained from the previous school. If the record cannot be obtained from the previous school within this time frame, it is the parent's responsibility to provide such a copy. Any student from out-of-state must present an up-to-date Form 680 at time of enrollment.

If you have any questions, please call the Florida Department of Health in Okeechobee County at (863) 462-5800 and ask to speak with the School Health Nursing Supervisor.